A PECULIAR PERFORMANCE.

THIRD DRAWING OF THE INDUSTRIAL EXHI-

BITION COMPANY TESTERDAY-HOW IT WAS

DONE-A PAIR OF SPECULATORS ON TRANS.

A performance called the third serial drawing of

the industrial Exhibition Company took place at

Steinway Hall yesterday afternoon. The building

was thrown open at about half-past four o'clock

and at that hour a few stragglers slowly mounted the steps. Five o'clock was the hour set down for

he drawing, and as the hand of time reached that

hour on the dial a number of pecunar, foreign-

looking men walked on the platform, one of them,

toned up coat, advanced to the foothights and an-

nounced that the third drawing would then take

place. As the gentleman spread that information

he shook his too long beard, raised his right hand.

covered with too much rusty giove, in the air and

retired to a seat at a table on the platform where

were already gathered two of the other guiding

spirits. A self-confident, forward youth, in shirt sleeves, took his place at about the middle of the

stolidly. A workman seized hold of the handle of

a great glass machine, filled with little brown

things that looked like ladies' needle cases, and began to wind. As he turned the handle all the

little things tumbled around inside and some very

amusing evolutions they made. The casing of the

PARENCIES IN GENERAL.

THE CITY GOVERNMENT.

Quite a Flutter Among the Politicians.

How the New Mayor Intends To Do Business.

THE FRESH DEAL.

Rumors of Changes, Good, Bad and Indifferent.

Mayor Wickham's Views on Official Lobbyists.

THE VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT ALDERMEN EXCITED.

Affairs in the Departments of Parks and Public

it was a regular moving day among the city politicians yesterday, and what with the going out of two boards, the incoming of a third, the bustle and contusion which prevailed in the Mayor's old quarters, where the workmen were tearing down and tearing up partitions and walls which the new powers that be considered in the way of official convenience and comfort, a stranger dropping in at the City Hall would have been led to believe that the departments had been captured by some worthless enemy bent upon general disorder and destruction. The Mayor and his private secretary, Colonel Burnton N. Harris, owing to the success of the carpenters in pulling things to nne success of the carpenters in pulling things to pieces in the large room formerly used by the clerks, were compelled to occupy a small rear room, where they tried to make themselves com-fortable. It is almost needless to state that the politicians about town, great and small, were in a state of much excitement over not only THE ACTUAL CHANGES

that were made, but over the rumors which flew thick and fast as to changes that are probably to be made within a lew weeks. The members of all the commissions were very naturally on the many visits they paid to the City Hall were not altogether prompted by a desire to tell the new Mayor now very glad they feit that he and not Mr. Wales or Mr. Ottendorfer had obtained a majority of the po ular vote last November. In fact, there was not one of them who was really at his easeone of them to understand that he ought to feel badly, but that the wags set so many ingenious stories affoat as to the removals that were sure to be made that not a few of even

were misled themselves. A certain Commissioner, whose office is not 100 miles away from the Mayor's, heard by chance in the morning that his removal had been decided upon. He pooh-pooned the idea, but his friends say he was seen to arrange his private papers very nicely, as if to be in readiness for whatever might befall him. In the atternoon a messenger from the Mayor's office dropped in, handed him a large official envelope containing a weighty document. The poor Com missioner changed color, and, with a smile that was meant to be "child-like and bland." he tore the envelope open with a trembling hand. The decument was only a copy of the Mayor's Message, with the compliments of the author. It seems that the Commissioner had been honored in no special way; that copies had been sent in like manner to all the heads of the departments; but it may be mentioned that the departments; but it may be mentioned that the Commissioner was one of the happiest looking mortais in the neighborhood of the Uity Hall during the remainder of the day. No removals, however, or appointments were made by the Mayor, and none of any note will be made, it is believed, for several weeks to come, as Mr. Wickham believes in making haste slowly. He stated yesterday, when questioned on the subject, that he wanted to look around a little before making any changes, even in his personal staff of cierks. As to THE FIRE COMMISSIONERS.

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walk the plank very soon, although it can be stated that the report of the Commissioner of Accounts has not yet been read through by the Mayor. The notion of their friends that the Mayor. The notion of their friends that the Mayor will have to give them notice of the charges made against them in the report before removing them is an erroneous one, as the Mayor, under the charter, can remove any Commissioner, with the approval of the Governor, "for cause," and as he and the Governor are the sole judges of what constitutes "cause" for removal, Commissioners who believe they can keep their places until they have been proven terribly bad men on evidence submitted to themselves, may be a little unpleasantly surprised before the close of the present month. The Mayor keeps his own counsel as to his intentions, and so far as candidates for the various important places in the city government are concerned he states frankly that he considers no person a candidate. However, rumor is busy with the names of a great many persons in connection with some of the commissions, and if every rumor that was bandied about from mouth to mouta yesterday had been founded on fact there is not a Commissioner now in office who would be in power next month. One story, which seemed to have a great deal of weight with some of the knowing Goes even, was that Delailed Smith was to be removed and Judge Lawrence be appointed in his place. As the salary of the Judge is \$17,500 a year and his term of office fourteen years, and the Corporation Counsel is appointed for three years at a salary of \$15,000 a year, it is not generally believed that the Judge has the slightest literation of leaving the Bench for the counseisnip or any other position. Colonel Fellows' name is also freely spoken of in connection with

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The story that the Mayor had been heard to say that the Police Commissioners would all have to go before a week's time was a canard pure and simp e, although the impression is general among the politicians who pretend to know a thing or two that the Commissioners will be got rid of sooner than most people suspect. Mr. John Mulialy is mentioned as the most probable successor to Mr. Moniton in the Tax Commission, and ex-Alderman Flanagaa as one of the Police Commissioners. John Glies and James Hayes are talked of as the two who will most likely be made Fire Commissioners. A strong effort is being made to induce Mr. Edward L. Donnelly to remain in the Commission of Charities, and it will probably be successful. As to Comptroller Green, and even George Van Nort, rumor and spwchatton was rife late in the day. The Comptroller, it was stated by some, would resign soon, in order to avoid being placed on the shelf rather abruptly, and that Mr. Arthur Leary, in case of his removal or resignation, will be appointed in his stead.

DYING HARD.

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Dying Hard.

The communication to the Mayor, signed by the only two persons who ran for Assistant Aldermen at the last election, created a great deal of amusement among the politicians, and even in the Mayor's office, for while opinions were divided as to whether the signers were really serious or only intended the thing as a joke, their riends assert that they are in dead carnest, and that when the two can settle the question as to who ought to be made President and whether two or one ought to be a quorum, then they will take active proceedings to get nineteen other patriots to join them in an attempt to bring the Common Council back to its old standpoint. For the onesit of those politicians who believe that there is yet a chance for a resurrection of, the dead Board it may be stared that every good lawyer in the city who has been spoken to on the subject laughts at the idea of any such attempt being successful.

It is pretty certain that the new Board of Aldermen can get along very well without the official assistance other Boards of Aldermen had to suffer from in the past, and that the people generally feel quite thankful that the Board has been so effectually suped out. In a couple of weeks, when the new wheels eve into working order and Mayor Wickham obtains elbow room in his new office to sign the commissions of the new powers that are expected to be, the politicians in all probability will have to deal instead of with rumors with facts that may be rather uppleasant to not a few gentlemen who now feel quite secure in their places.

THE NEW BOARD OF ALDERMEN. THE ORGANIZATION YESTERDAY-AN IMMENSE LOBBY IN ATTENDANCE-APPOINTMENT OF

OFFICERS AND THEIR SALARIES FIXED. The prospective organization of the Board of Aldermen yesterday attracted to the City Hall an large crowd of city politicians and waiters upon Providence. Those who gathered about

the lobby and corridors exceeded in numbers the

THE PALMY DAYS OF BOSS TWEED'S POWER.
Some, no doubt, were attracted by curiosity to see what sort of material the new Board is composed of, while it is safe to say the greater number were either office-seekers or friends of office-seekers who desire to use their influence in the interest of their lavorite candidates for the minor offices.

An hour before the time set for the convening of the Board the halls were crammed by the spectators, but they were kept back by Captain Leary's poince detail until the members had ettheir way into the aldermanic chamber. The doors were then thrown open, when there was a rush for the room, a surging to and fro of the overcoats, so that the confusion lasted for several moments. When it ended the looby of the chamber was packed, and the police succeeded in securing some degree of order. All the vacant space inside the railing about the President's and the mem-bers' desks was filled by friends of the Aldermen, and the pandemonium of ten minutes before was succeeded by comparative order and decorum.

THE ORGANIZATION.

At one o'clock Clerk Pinckney, of the old Board, called the new Board to order and read the cer-

tificate of the County Clerk.

Alderman Reilly was called to the chair on motion of Alderman Gross. The section of the charter prescribing the mode of organization was then read, and as the roll was called each member named his choice for President. All the demoerats, with the exception of Lewis, who voted for Reilly, voted for Mr. Lewis. With the exception of Mr. Vance, who voted for Mr. Billings, the re-publicans cast a solid vote for Mr. Vance. The

Clerk Pinkney, who received eight votes as com-priment. Mr. Toumey was then unanimously elected Clerk.

James Walsh, brother of the County Clerk, was elected sergeant-at-arms, his opponent being Mr. Keckissen, the late incumbent, who received eight votes.

On Motion of Mr. Purroy the rules of the late Board, so iar as they are applicable to the present Board, were adopted.

Mesars. Vance and Gilon, who had been ap-pointed

TO NOTIFY THE MAYOR
of the organization of the Board, retired, and on
returning announced that Mayor Wickham would send in a message.
After the passage of some routine resolutions
Mr. Serry offered a resolution fixing
THE SALARIES OF OFFICERS.
Mr. HowLand (republican) offered a substitute
for the same purpose. The following are the sums
covered by both resolutions:—

Mr. Seery's Mr. Howland's Resolution. Resolution. 55,000 Clerk
First Deputy Clerk
Second Deputy Clerk
Third Deputy Clerk
Fourth Deputy Clerk
First Deputy Clerk
First Deputy Clerk
Messenger
Assistant Messenger
Doorkeeper
Sergeant at Arms
Librarian Totals......\$20,000 \$16,000

stribution.
Board adjourned until Thursday next, at

ten A. M.

CLERK TOUMEY'S APPOINTMENTS.

After the adjournment of the Board Chief Clerk Toumey made the following appointments:—

Deputy Cierks.—Pirst, William H. Maloney; second, Charles P. McGuire; third, William McCabe; fourte, Patrick Mackey; fith, John C. Perry.

Doorkeeper.—John Ziegler.

Messengers.—Luke Weich and Andrew Hannemann.

ASSISTANT ALDERMANIC HUMOR. The following was yesterday received by the

Mayor:
To Hon. WILLIAM H. WICKHAM, Mayor, &c.:—
SIR—We the undersigned, Assistant Aldermen elected at the recent election from the Fitteenth and I wentieth Assembly districts, having qualified pursuant to law, beg leave to state:
That at twelve o'clock noon to-day we repaired to the hall of the Board of Assistant Aldermen and found the same occupied by the officers of the Grand Jury, who denied us admission. We then demanded said hall of Commissioner Van Nort, who states that under your instructions he has delivered possession thereof to the Grand Jury.
That nineteen districts have apparently failed or negiceted to elect Assistant Aldermen as required by law; and there being no quorum, as heretolore formally communicated to you, we were unable to periect an organization of said Board.
That by reason thereof there is now an interrupted municipal government in this, that there is now no legally constituted Common Council and that all resolutions and ordinances passed by the present so-called Board of Aldermen as a Common Council will be void.
We therefore demand that you refrain from recognizing said Board as the Common Council of this city, and from signing or vetoing any ordinance or measure passed by said Board until said nineteen districts snail have furnished assistant Aldermen and such Board shall have been duly organized.
That this document is made in helpel of our feet corporators of this city and on hehall of our

Addermen and such Board small have organized.
That this document is made in the interest of the corporators of this city and on behalf of our constituants, in order that the city government, its personality and credit, may not be impaired. Respectfully, WILLIAM E. DEMOREST, Assistant Adderman from the Fitteenth Assembly and Assistant Addermanic district PATRICK TONER, Assistant Adderman from the Twentieth Assembly and Assistant Addermanic district.

THE PARKS IN 1874.

WHAT MR. STEBBINS HAS DONE DURING THE PAST TWELVE MONTHS.

Pending the preparation of the annual report of the Departments of Parks, which will probably not be ready for some days, it will be of interest during the year 1874. Commissioner Stebbins, to whose energy and devotion the public owe so much of their enjoyment of the Central Park, has been greatly hampered by the want of money in carrying out his designs for beautifying and improving the parks. And yet a good deal has been done in Central Park, and the minor city parks have also been improved in many respects. The figures for December not having been prepared it is only possible to estimate the expenses approximately. The total amount spent by the department during the past year is something less than \$1,500,000, as follows:— On the Central Park, \$730,000 (for maintenance \$310,000 and for construction \$420,000); on the

Si10,000 and for construction \$420,000); on the Morningside Park, about \$110,000, and on the Riverside Park about \$50,000; on the minor city parks and squares, \$100,000; on the Museum of Natural History, \$250,000, and on the Museum of Art, \$90,000. For bridges \$20,000 was spent and the rest was expended in other minor items.

In the Central Park the main improvements were those of the approaches to the Museum from the Sixth and Seventh avenue entrances. Here there was a great difficulty in crossing over to the Arsenal, and by the construction of the inscope arch and a new walk under the drive the evil has been remedied. Much progress has been made in the adaptation of the Park slopes and walks to the new grades, a task of great magnitude. The enclosing walls on Eighth avenue, on Fifth avenue and on 110th street were also partly finished. On the end of the Mall, near the Terrace, a new concert ground has buen cleared, which will prove a great boon to the thousands who come to listen to the music. Even yet the accommodations are totally inadequate on Saturdays. The Carrousei

has been finished and some progress was made on the Belvidere.

The Museum of Natural History is almost completed, with the exception of the interior work of finishing, which will be done this winter. The Museum of Art, on the Fifth avenue side of the Park, was completed up to the first story.

Much preparatory work was done in the Riverside Park in clearing the ground, trimming the trees. &c., and in the Morningside Park in excavations and building of a sewer. These works had to stop, owing to the want of money.

The Pive Points Park has been payed and is almost finished. The various little improvements on the minor city parks in the way of fountains, ladies cottages, stands. &c., are too numerous to mention. It is especially gratifying to note that some of the principal squares, like Madison and Union, have been slightly embellished.

During the earlier part of the year the number of men in the employ of the department was 1,000, but later, when the appropriation began to be exhausted, it fell to 600, at wigith number it has been maintained up to date. Some of the detailed teems of expenditure are of especial interest. The skating in the Central Park, for instance, costs the taxpayers \$16,000 a year. The erection of the skating houses slone costs every winter \$3,500, and then it costs \$1,500 each spring to remove them.

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Commissioner Van Nort has transmitted to the Board of Assessors the certificates of the cost of the following improvements, in order that the assesaments therefor may be made:-

Receiving basin on Tenth avenue, between Twenty fith and Twenty-sixth streets.

Receiving basin sorthwest corner Suyvesant street and Second avenue.

Receiving basin in Cherry street, between Chambers and Roosevelt streets.

Receiving basin at southwest corner 117th street and -ixth avenue.

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Receiving basin at southwest corner 111th street and avenue St. Nicholas.

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Sewer in Greenwich street, between Clarkson and Leroy. 41 00 406 00 381 00 368 00 sewer in Greenwich street, between Clarkson and Leroy Sewer in Hudson street, between Spring and Vandam 865 25 Yandam street, between Clarkson and King.
Regulating grading, &c., Edgar street, between Church and Greenwich.
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Regulating grading, &c., Edgar street, between First avenue, and State of Fifth avenue.
Flagging in Chirty-fourth street, between First avenue and East River.
Paving Eleventh avenue from Fifty-second to Fifty ninth street. 958 25 972 60 3,222 48 734 54 Total.....

COMMISSIONERS OF CHARITIES.

The Commissioners of Charities transacted but routine business yesterday. President Bailey explained the absence of any important proceedings by the resignation of Commissioner Donnelly and the natural unwillingness of the other two members to take any decisive measures until the final organization of the Board. The retirement of Mr. Donnelly, who had already become popular with all the employes of the department, and who would undoubtedly have made an excellent Comsaid yesterday that he was compelled to resign from having to go South, and that his letter was

from having to go South, and that his letter was already in the hands of Mayor Wickham. He did not state, however, when the resignation would probably take effect, but said that he would make up his mind regarding this point to-day.

A number of prominent physicians had a hearing yesterday afternoon in regard to the Medical Board of Believue Hospital. Dr. Pinnt appealed to the Commissioners to restore the old Board, and argued that their dismissal was as sudden as it was unjustified. Drs. Hammond, Sands, Loomis, Krakowitzer and Polk opposed this application, maintaining that the present Board was thoroughly competent, and that the public interests would in nowise be benefited by the restoration of the old directors.

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President Bailey asked them a number of questions, but expressed no opinion as to the merits of the case.

The Commissioners have as yet made no removals, with the exception of that of the Supply Agent of the old Board, Mr. Goodkind. They have ordered to twentories to be taken of all the property in the public institutions under their care, and the various wardens are now busy complying with this order. The bookkeeper, Mr. Hedded, is preparing his balance sheet for January 1, 1875, which will soon be ready.

THE MAYOR ON OFFICIAL LOBBYISTS. The following circular letter has been addressed to the heads of various departments of the city government by His Honor the Mayor :-

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, NEW YORK, Jan. 4, 1875.

DEAR SIR—You will have observed that, in my Message to the honorable the Common council of this date, I have called attention to the practice, which has in some oi the departments prevailed, oi sending persons to Albany to affect or influence legislation having particular reference to the department represented.

partment represented.

I avail myself of this method of inviting your special attention to the views I have there expressed; and, relying upon your concurrence in them, I shall expect your co-operation in putting an end to the practice mentioned. Very respectivily, WILLIAM H. WICKHAM, Mayor. NEWARK'S NEW OFFICIAL REGIME.

RINGING OUT THE RING COUNCIL AND INAUGU-

RATING THE NEW-BROADWELL'S BONDS. Practically the existing Common Council of Newark closed its labors on Friday night, but its formal decease will not take place till to-night. Then it will be succeeded by the new Council. The d Council stands nearly two-thirds republican-The new has a democratic majority of four. As a mere majority vote controls all the city officers including the membership of the Police and Fire portant, involving, as it does, a sweeping change in the city offices. To-night, upon the adjourn-

portant, involving, as it does, a sweeping change in the city offices. To-night, upon the adjournment sine, die of the old Council, the new body will take the vacated seats and proceed to organize, by the selection of a president and messenger. It is generally conceded that Alderman Westerveit, who has been in the Council five or six terms, and who during democratic ascendancy filled the presidency for one year, will a second time be chosen to preside. Until the regular monthly meeting on next Friday night, no other changes will be made. After the reading of Mayor Perry's message the Council will adjourn. In the mentalime probably not less than oxat members of the Council have held four or five conferences but no regular caucus yet, and have proved models in the way of preserving their own counsel and not "leaking" proceedings. The story has been bruited about considerably that one or two members stood ready to be "convinced," At Cain, in the interest of the Ring, but the very members hinted at as being weak-kneed have been prompt to repudiate the insinuation as an insuit, it is quite certain that a repetition of the Cain tactics would move Newark to its centre and result in terrible vengeance on the recalcitrants, for all classes of people unite in demanding a readical change in the city offices. The leading democratic Aidermen aver that the majority will look only to the good of the people and in no wise be influenced by partisan cries. They promise, too, some sweeping retrenchments, such as the cutting down of salaries and expenses.

At the last meeting of the Council the Finance Committee presented a report and resolution providing that a compromise be effected with the bondsmen of Broad sell, the convicted ex-Tax Receiver. Broadwell abstracted, it is alleged, over \$25,000, but only \$15,000 has been traced. He and his bondsmen have paid in a little over \$7,000. The bondsmen have paid in a little over \$7,000. The bondsmen allege that Broadwell stole a portion of the money while he was only a clerk in the who

POLITICAL NOTES.

A Southern paper says Casarism is about to give place to Bonapartism. The cry at the na-tional Capitol now is, "Down with the Bourbon!" A woman beat her husband badly the other day in Worcester, Mass.; but it was in a contest for the same place on the School Committee,
In reply to the assertion of a Southern democrat,

that "Banks may sing with us, but he can't lead the choir," a Western paper remarks, "Wait till he is re-quir'd to."

Judge Henry W. Thomas, of Fairfax, is named as candidate for the Lieutenant Governorship of Virginia. Judge Dundy is poldly spoken of for United

States Senator from Nebraska in place of Senator Tipton. The Richmond Enquirer says they are all O. K. in New Orleans, but it means "Opposed to Kel

logg."
The Cincinnati Star says General John S. Wilnams seems to be ahead in the Gubernatorial con-

The Lexington Press wants Congressman Beck sent back to Congress as Senator from Kentucky. The annual meeting of the New York State Temperance Society will be held at Amsterdam, January 26. The object is to secure united political action during the coming year

CASTLE GARDEN.

INTERESTING REPORT FOR DECEMBER-DECREASE IN IMMIGRATION, &C.

The lowering sky yesterday seemed to impart ome of its gloom to the Battery and vicinity. At Castle Garden the small groups of loltering emigrants seemed to partake of the general depression occasioned by a lack of ozone in the atmosphere, and listlessly lounged about the piers or leaned against the slippery pillurs of the Park railings, with a soupcon of New Year's in their elastic poses. Within the building the dull sound of carpenters' hammers alone woke the

sound of carpenters' hammers alone woke the echoes. Dulness reigned supreme. The activity of last year was nowhere observable, and the employes seemed indusing in

In the offices the cierks were busy making out the statistics for the past year, but these have not been sufficiently completed to present to the public. To-tay the usual meeting takes place of the Commissioners. Below will be found an approximate report for December, 1874, of the number and nativity of passengers landed at Castle Garden:—

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Australia		122	2
Barten	8	48	130
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Beigium	. 6	. 8	14
Bohemia		192	201
	2	STATE BALL	
China	a had	-	1
Denmark	14	22	36
East India	510	- OU	579
Prance	98	65	163
Civone	S)	1	- 1
Hangary Hesse-Darmstadt	. 18	29	47
Hesse-Darmstagt		14	81 16
Honse-Nassau	2	65	67
Unistein	3 630	24	27
Holland	3	38	41
Hamburgireland	850	15	865
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Luxemburg	. 5	8	13
Marklenhorg	VIII. CONTRACTOR IN	20	22
		-	8
Nova Scotia	1		3
Oldenburg	1000	1000015	N
Prosin.	63	166	234
Russia	56	147	203
Saxony	11	12	83
Sleawick		24	24
Scotland	173	6	179
Sweden	77	6	83
Spain			3
United States	142	81	223
Wales	87		87
Wurtemberg		100	106
Province of Lauenburg	OIL SALE	97	d
Province of Posen	106	133	249
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Province of Si'esia	-	61	41
		15	15
Province of Thuringia Province of Westphalia	3	26	29
Rheinish Province		20	29
	-	1000	
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Passengers returned to United S United States.	tates.	porn in	909
Naturalized—First landed in New 1	ork.		818
First landed in other ports			117
		CONTRACTOR OF	-

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METHODIST PREACHERS' MEETING.

Yesterday being the first Monday in the month

as well as in the new year, was devotional day with the Methodist preachers; but the ordinary exercises were varied by a sermon delivered by was remarkable for careful thought and prepara-tion. Moses' interview with Jehovah on the holy mount was made the basis of the discourse, and attention was called to the numerous and remarkable religious events that have taken place on mountain tops and in lonely places. Emphasis was also laid on the importance of solitude for mountain tops and in lonely places. Emphasis was also laid on the importance of solitude for growth in grace and piety. Not that the preacher had any sympathy with the solitude represented by hermitage or monasticum, but rather that which is indicated by getting into one's secret chamber and holding communion alone with God. Then the methods of this communion were discussed. How shall a soul best hold converse with the Most High? What attitude should it most appropriately assume? Dr. Adams did not deem a kneeling posture absolutely essential, nor, indeed, in many aspects necessary at all. He finds in the Bible instances of prophets and patriarchs and sages of old bolding converse with God in a variety of postures—walking, sitting, standing, kneeling, prostrate. It does not make any maternal difference as to the Bootlay Postrion in Worship, provided the soul looks up to and communes with God. And nence posture must be left to circumstances or to individual taste. In commenting on the sermon alterward Dr. Curry called attention to Enoch walking with God 300 years and to the almighty's command to the patriarch to walk before thin and be periect. The Doctor believed that great emphasis is laid in the Scriptures upon walking with God. And in his own personal experience be found some of his most delighting and down his office or his room or walked the streets. In like manner also Dr. Dunn cited an example of Dayid in a sitting

up and down his office or his room or walked the streets, in like manner also pr. Dunn cited an example of David in a sitting posture communing with God. The students of the Central Tenessee Coolege (Nashvihe) sang several devotional songs. These students are now visiting this section, giving concerts in the churches to raise funds for their institution, which is under the auspices and management of the PREEDMEN'S AID SOUBTY of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Their singing yesterday created wild enthusiasm among the usually staid ministers. It was certainly soul surring and inspiring. Dr. Schaf, on behalf of the Faculty of the Union Theological Seminary of this city, extended to the preachers an invitation to attend a lecture next Thursday, between two and three o'clock, in the chapel of that institution. The subject is the "Relation of Ecclessatical to Civil Law," and the iccturer is Judge Strong, of the United States Supreme Court. The public are not invited because there is not room for them in the chapel, and they must be content to take it second hand from the press. Next Monday the Methodist ministers will consider the subject of missions.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Evangelical Alliance Christian representatives of different denominations gathered yesterday afternoon in Dr. Rogers' Reformed church, on Fifth avenue, to review the past year and to render thanksgiving for its varied mercies; to pray for humiliation for personal and national sins hamiliation for personal and national stas and for God's blessings in the future. Prayers and addresses were offered by Rev. Mr. Mattnews, Dr. Burchard, Mr. Knevals, Rev. Mr. Kennard, Rev. Mr. Trist and others. The several topics for thanksgiving and prayer indicated by the Alhance were referred to in the addresses and in the invocations, and it was deemed a reason for thanksgiving that so many prayers had been answered during the past year; that so many souls had been saved and gathered into the Church, and that, while sceptics had risen up to overthrow our naith, Christian scholars had also appeared to refute the rationalistic arguments. The exercises in the same place to-day, at half-past three P. M., will consist of prayers for civil governments and all in authority; for the increase of intelligence, the purification of public opinion and the spread of iree institutions throughout the world. If the power of this universal bond of prayer could be realized some of the speakers yesterday believed there would be more prayer and more faithmin prayer than there has been, and they were willing to make contession of neglect and failure in this regard and to promise better for the time to come.

THE STRASBOURGEOIS CLUB.

The members of the Strasbourgeois Club held their first annual dinner on Sunday evening a the restaurant of Joseph Welli, No. 126 Sixth ave nue. The club is a newly organized association composed of old residents of Strasbourg, and judging from the tone of the speeches, flerce enemies of Bismarok and children of France. The officers of the society are:—President, Jean Plannmullet; Vice President, Albert Duclos; Treasurer, Joseph Woll, and Secretary, Charles Borrer. The menu was composed of Strasbourg delicacies, such as eperians trica, sauce tartare, civet de levré et noulles a l'Alsacienne, paté de fote gras, &c. A resolution was passed after dinert to send a caple despatent to the Mayor of Strasbourg (a good Frenchman), wishing their friends and relatives, through him. a happy New Year. The speeches were full of patriotism, and the members of the club swore that when the mother France required the assistance of her children they would answer the call. They adjourned at a late hour, thoroughly weil pleased with their first annual banquet. judging from the tone of the speeches, flerce ene

YACHTING NOTES.

The American yacht Josephine, N.Y.Y.C., Captain Phoenix, with Messrs. Talboys and Crocker on tain Phoenix, with Messrs, Talboys and Crocker on board, arrived at Barbados from Martinique De-cember 9, remained there one week and sailed December 15 for Trinidad. Mr. P. MacGiehan, of Pamrapo, N. J., is building two small yachts for parties in New Orleans. One is eighteen feet and the other twenty feet in length. NEW YORK CITY

The New York State Council Sovereigns of industry will be organized in this city on Friday, January 8.

The regular monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will take place on Thursday next at one o'clock P. M.

While John Owens, of No. 103 Mott street, and Henry Neben, of No. 34 Liberty street, while

playing with a revolver yesterday afternoon, shot himself tarough the hand. He was sent to the Park Hospital. The Danish residents in this city will hold a

meeting at Germania Assembly Rooms on Thursday evening, for the purpose of forming a Danish literary association. The congregation of the Union Tabernacie, Brooklyn, E. D., presented the pastor, Rev. Mr. Hageman, with a fine gold watch New Year' Eve, upon the occasion of their "watch meeting" ser-

Office Francis, of the Tremont police, found a is about eighteen years old, wears dark panta-loons, light coat, with velvet collar, and has dark har.

resident of Meirose, fell from a scaffold and fractured his thigh while at work yesterday morning on the new church in Sixty-first street, between Second and Third avenues. Andrew H. Carey, of No. 395 Third avenue, made a charge before Judge Murray, at Essex Market

Police Court yesterday, against a man named Patrick O'Rourke of stealing 56 worth of fles and saws. The prisoner was held in \$500 ball to answer at Special Sessions.

While Michael Michaud, Feitz Paschal and

Quinine Toxel were at work yesterday morning putting plates of glass upon an elevator, to lower them from an upper floor to the street, in the store of Noel & Soyes, No. 5 Cro-by street, the tackling broke, and the men and glass were pre-cipitated to the ground. Michaud's hip was severely injured, Paschai's left ankle was sprained and Toxel's left leg was badly bruised.

BROOKLYN.

The Commissioners of Charities have sent eight

idiotic children from the Kings County Nursery to the State institution at Syracuse.

The body of a full grown infant, with the head and limbs cut off, was found wrapped in oil silk floating in the river off Central pier, Atlantic Dock, yesterday.

Coroner Nolan was notified yesterday to hold an

inquest on the body of George Smith, who hanged himself at his place of residence, No. 157 Meserole atreet, E. D. Deceased, who was forty-nine years of age, became insane from the excessive use of

Justice Pratt, of the Supreme Court, rendered a decision yesterday in the action brought by the Board of Supervisors against ex-Sheriff Anthony G. Walters for the alleged fraudulent collection of bils for jail board and fees. The statute of limita-tion was pleaded in the answer set forth to the complaint. The plaintiff demorred, as no act of the defendant which was transducent could be offi-cial. The Judge sustained the demurrer.

At the meeting and organization of the Brooklyn Board of Aldermen for the year 1875, held yesterday afternoon, Jacob I. Bergen was chosen President of the Common Council. Keeper of the City Hall Patrick Yorney was reappointed, and his assistant, William Dwyer, was also continued for another year. James Bridges was appointed Messenger of the Board, and Andrew McDonald Sergeant at Arms. For Engineer of the City Hall Timothy Ward was chosen. Sealers of Weights and Measures were chosen in the persons of Peter Fitzhatrick, John Culhane. Thomas Bowers and Patrick Monaghan. William C. De Witt was reappointed Corporation Counsel and Joseph Smith as Assessor. Coroners Sims and Nolan have appointed ex-Alderman James Dunk, of the Sixth Ward, as their Deputy Coroner.

LONG ISLAND.

About half-past six o'clock yesterday morning a fire broke out on the premises of Frank Hersche on West avenue, Hunter's Point, and, the flames extending to the house of Mr. Hunt, both buildings were destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$6.00. Oliver Charlick, in company with District Attorney Downing, of Queen's county, drove from Flushing to New York yesterday to take final action in reference to the purchase, on Saturday last, of the Long Island Raliway by Messra. Poppenhausen & Co. This company are now the sole owners of the North Side. Central, Flashing, Southern and Long Island Raliroads of Long Island. Mr. Charlick has not for three months before yesterday left his residence at Bay Side, having transacted all his business by telegraph.

STATEN ISLAND.

Dr. Enhraim Clark, of New Dorp, has been appointed physician at the Richmond County Jail for the current year.

The brewery proprietors and private ice dealers about Staten Island are now busily engaged in carting and storing their winter supply. All day on Sunday and yesterday teams were running, not even stopping at noontime, double teams charging \$1 per load and single teams 50 cents. The ice on Silver Lake, New Brighton, and Britton's Lake, Clove road, is eight inches in thickness, and that on the field ponds about six inches.

Early on Sunday morning the people of Factoryville were startled by an explosion, and it was soon rumored about that the receiving gas tank on Post avenue, supplied from the main at Clifton, had blown up. A despatch was sent to head-quarters at Chifton to this effect, but upon investigation it was found that there had been a leakage in some of the valves and that the explosion only blew the roof off the valve house, not doing any serious damage and no one being injured. The damage to the building can be repaired for \$300 or \$400. It was announced in some of the churches that there would be no evening services in consequence of the accident; but the gas connections were at once re-established, and the villages on the north shore were lighted as usual. ville were startled by an explosion, and it was

NEW JERSEY.

Kate Maloney tried to commit suicide in Newark by jumping out of a second story window. She nurt herself badly. Insanity was the cause. Another Newark policeman. Officer ree, has been complained of for drunkenness. He arrested a man for intoxication; but the sergeant decided the officer was the drunker of the two. The congregation of St. Patrick's Cathedral in Newark contributed during Christmastide and New Year's over \$3,000 for the orphans and other charities.

In Newark last evening a young man was arrested on suspicion of having robbed Mrs. Tully's store of \$200 worth of goods early yesterday morning.

ST. JOHN'S GUILD RELIEF FUND. The following additional contributions have been received by the Rev. Alvah Wiswall, Master of St. John's Guild, No. 52 Varick street, and paid over to Andrew W. Leggat, Almoner :-

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be sent to the BERALD office, or to Mayor Wickham, City Hall.

CORONERS' CASES.

Thomas Ducy, fifty-one years of age, after drinking to great excess for ten days, died in the Ninety-ninth street Reception Hospital on Sunday. The body was removed to the late residence of deceased, Eightieth street, near Tenth avenue, where Coroner Croker will hold an inquest.

Thomas hanrotty, a laborer, thirty years of age, died at his residence. No. 524 East Eighteenth arreet, from the effects of injuries accidentally received.

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Coroner Croker held an inquest at No. 300 East Forty-second street on the body of Edward Burke, twenty-lour years of age, who died from the effects of injuries received by accidentally failing from a tank at the Forty-second street depot, where he was employed as a night laborer.

Late yesterday afternoon information was received that Joseph Brown, a youth of nineteen years, was lying dead at No. 447 West Twenty-sixth street, he having been killed by the head of a cylinder having been blown off while some one was engaged in testing it. Coroner Kessier will make an investigation.

vessel in the shape of a wheel or grinding stoneand everything passing within it was visible. It door in one part, through which the little needle cases could be put in and taken out. After the workman had turned the thing round severai times and had well shaken up all THE LITTLE NEEDLE CASES, two men with beards—all the men on the stage had beards except the workman and the boy-and, keys in their hands, went forward to the glass grinding stone and opened the little wooden

door. The stolld looking boy, in shirt sleeves, then slowly and with a great show of straightforwardness, as if to disper all suspicious doubt that might be lingering in the mind of any sceptics in the audience, thrust his with nand. without deigning to look at it, into the glass grinding stone, and drew out the little needle cases. Keeping his body as straight as a ramrod and his eyes on a level with a frescoed figure on the ceiling he withdrew the hand, described a semicircle with it in the atmosphere and then shut it up before his eyes. He pulled the needle case apart and drew, with capital stage effect, only that it was, perhaps, a shade overdode, a piece of paper from the receptacle box. This paper he unrolled toward the audience and displayed the large black figures in it. When the addience had fluished reading the numbers—that did not take long, there were not many of them—he handed it over to a bearded man, who read the jet black numbers aloud in a strong voice, as though nobody had seen them, while at that moment every man and the entire seven women in the audience had them written down on bits of paper in their hands and on their laps. He in turn passed it over to the presiding spirits at the table, and the workman went on again winding at the grinding stone. The audience was composed of seventy-two men and seventadies. The bondholders might be numbered at about half the magnitude of the assemblage. Outside the weather was moist, and the audience that had entered the ball was wet, steamy and foggy. The drawing lasted ten mucutes, and then the very long-bearded man, with the large, thick, rusty brown kids, advanced again to the lootlightes and informed the audience that for that day the drawing was ended. He issued through a side door, and all the other bearded spirits issued after him. Even the stolid-looking boy in shirt sleeves, with his arms crossed, turned upon his heel. This boy, who seemed to have been made to do everything in a Circular of sexic circular.

Manner, bent his back concavely until the hollow in the middle formed a basin as deep as a wash bowl, and issued, too, lifting his leet from the ground as much as he possibly could, and taking himself ways in a highly respectable dramatic exit. The audience rose to leave and sauntered toward the door. Some laughed, some grinned, some swore, but nobody drew anything. It was all done on the stage; the bearded spirits had ceiling he withdrew the hand described a semicircle with it in the atmosphere and then shut

reliow! splendid?"
The two gentiemen, being all that was left of
the audience, passed out talking as they went
and moralizing upon the thinness of clothes when
exposed to the elements and the thickness of
brains sometimes when opposed to cunning.

A NOTED BURGLAR ARRESTED.

IMPEDIMENTS IN THE WAY OF REFORM FOR A CONFIRMED CRIMINAL

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 4, 1875. "Wess" Hart, the notorious desperado, who committed a burgiary at the house of E. H. Per-kins, in Hartford, on Friday night last, and whom the detectives of that city have been making strenuous efforts to capture, was arrested last gone to obtain something to eat. The articles stolen from Mr. Perkins consisted all at about \$500. It appears that on leaving Hartiord he proceeded to New London, where he tried to sell some of the articles at a disreputable house. From New London he proceeded by boat to New York, reaching there on Saturday morning, and came to this city Saturday night, on his way to Middletown. He says he sold most of the stolen property during Saturday in New York. Hart has been sentenced to State Prison three times during the past eight years for burghary, and it is only two months since his last discharge from that institution. A miniature ship, which he made while in prison the last time, had been disposed of by Mr. Frack Lesile, of New York, for him, and a balance due Hart on that transaction had been forwarded by postal order to Middletown. The letter bore a wrong direction, and on Saturday Mr. Lesile gave him a note to the Postmaster at Middletown, staling that Hart was on his way to Middletown to get this money, and stopping over one train in New Haven, got caught by the detectives. A chisel was found on his person, which he says he got Thursday night at Allyn Hall, Hartford, and which he used to force an entrance to Mr. Perkins' house. He does not deny the commission of the crime, but says he was driven to it by absolute want. He claims to have been unable to secure employment since his discharge from prison, and that those who effered to aid him when he came out failed or declined to do so. One lady friend gave him 20, and another \$1. With this he ordiged over a fortnight, and then his condition financially was as bad as ever. He stayed a while with his parent; in Middletown; but, failing to get employment, ne could not remain a burden upon them. He says he begged in Hartford for means to take him out of the country, but failing in this as well as in getting work, he became intoxicated and committed the crime. He declares that, though guilty of this crime, he will hot again be taken to the prison at Weshersfield, and throws out strong nints that he will commit suicide. Hart was taken to the prison at Weshersfield, and throws out strong nints that he will commit suicide. Hart was taken tried to sell some of the articles at a disreputable house. From New London he proceeded by boat

THE HUDSON TUNNEL.

APPLICATION IN COURT FOR THE APPOINTMENT

Before Judge David A. Depue of the Supreme Court in Newark, yesterday, application was made by Henry S. White, Attorney for the Hudson Tunnel Railroad Company, for the appointment of Commissioners to condemn lands of the Morris & Essex and Delaware, Leckawanna and Western Railroads, and of the Jersey Store Improvement Company, taken by the Tunnel Company. He claimed that the tatter company was regarded that the real real company was rest the general railroad law of thus State, and that under that law it made no difference whether the road was one mile or 100 miles long, provided it was intended to build a railroad. This, be claimed, was the intention of the company, and the tunnel was only incidental to the railroad, and not the main thing. Jacob Vannatta, counsel of the railroad, sine that the Tunnel Corporation had no right to organize under the general railroad act, and her the tunnel was the principal this and the railroad only an incident, and the railroad only an incident.